Waiting list for telephone connections in Rajasthan

4611. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any waiting list of subscribers intending to have telephone connections in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when this waiting list is expected to be cleared;

(d) whether most of them are in desert/hilly remote and scattered areas;

(e) whether to clear this waiting list, WLL stations would be needed; and

(f) if so, what was their status in 2006-07 and what is planned in 2007-08, and the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Waiting list for fixed telephone connections of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) in Rajasthan is 61055 as on 31.3.2007 of which Urban/ Rural break up is given below:

Urban	—	2767
Rural	—	58,288

(c) The waiting list is mainly in rural areas. Telephone connections are feasible to be provided only on wireless technology for which Base Transceiver Station (BTSs) for Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) service are installed. Telephone connection to wait-listed applicants shall be provided in phased manner and most of the waiting list as on 31.3.07 is expected to be cleared by December, 2007.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Status of WLL equipment installed/planned is as follows:

Year	Equipment Details	No. of BTS	Equipped capacity (Lines)
2006-07	i) Equipment installed	196	105750
	ii) Equipment under installation	78	20750
2007-08	i) Equipment ordered under V 5.2 expansion plan	45	33750 (Equipment supply has started)
	ii) Equipment for which Purchase Order has ben placed	247	161500 (Equipment is yet to be received)
	iii) Urban WLL plan	163	Under finalization

It is further intimated that 2.3 lakh connections are working on WLL on equipped capacity of 3.59 lakh lines as on 31.3.07 in Rajasthan.

Fabcity in Hyderabad

4612. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Andhra Pradesh has entered into an MoU with SEMINDIA for Fabcity in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details of the MoU such as the date of agreement entered into by both Government of Andhra Pradesh and SEMINDIA, date of incorporation of SEMINDIA as a registered company, experience of SEMINDIA, etc.;

(c) whether the Fabcity has been given the status of SEZ;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether any scrutiny has been made of the documents submitted by SEMINDIA before entering into MoU;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Andhra Pradesh have entered into MoU with SEMINDIA Inc. on 16.2.2006 for setting up Fabcity in Hyderabad.